

## *OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST :*

*The Hunter Property*— a scenic trail walk along the Merrimack River.

*The Bell Property* - a convenient wooded trail across from Town Hall.

*The Sherburne Property*— a large tract with many trails and great biodiversity.

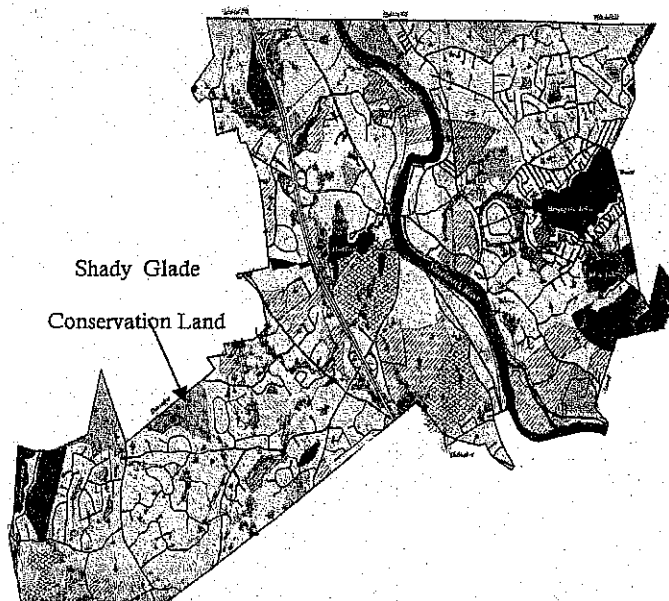
*The Tyngsboro Forest and Trails Committee:* is comprised of Tyngsborough residents and members of the Conservation Commission.

Its mission is to maintain and preserve open space and recreation areas within the Town.

Through these efforts, the committee helps to maintain the town's character, protect its natural resources, and provide recreational opportunities for everyone, enhancing the quality of life for all Tyngsborough residents.

The committee meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7PM at the town hall on Bryants Lane.

New members are needed ...and always



### **Directions:**

From the bridge head south on 3A. Turn right on to Westford Road.

Turn right at the second set of lights (still Westford Rd).

At the fork bear right onto Chestnut Road.

A half mile on the right is Primrose Lane.

Parking is on the street.

For the benefit of  
everyone who enjoys  
the great outdoors!



## **Shady Glade**

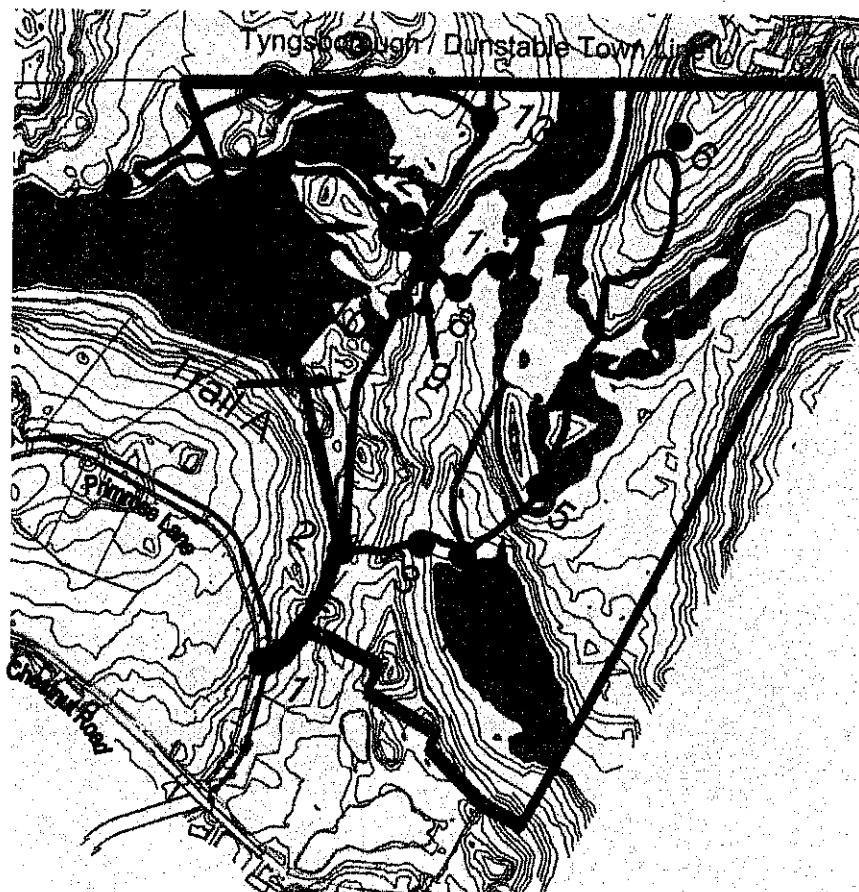
## **Conservation Land**

Donated to the Town of Tyngsborough by Walter Erickson and Jim Harrington, this 71.5 acre parcel offers a variety of terrain for hiking and trail walks.

Parking is limited to Primrose Lane at the area of the kiosk, so car pooling is a good idea if visiting the trails with friends.

A dedication sign and kiosk marks the trail head. It is a brief steep incline to get to the old cart path. The path extends all the way to the Dunstable town line with other trail branching off the main. The end of the cart path is private property.

Please respect the privacy of other land owners and obey the signs.



#### STATIONS

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| 1. Trail head at Primrose Lane         | 9. Second intersection of trail A and B |
| 2. First intersection of trail A and B | 10. Footbridge on trail A               |
| 3. Several small brook crossings       | 11. First intersection trail A and C    |
| 4. Footbridge                          | 12. Old stone foundation                |
| 5. Top of first hill                   | 13. Second intersection trail A and C   |
| 6. Top of second hill                  | 14. Top of hill on trail C              |
| 7. Several intersecting stone walls    | 15. Old stone foundation                |
| 8. Stone bridge                        | 16. Footbridge                          |

#### What to look for:

This area typifies the southern New England forest, with its layers, history, and processes.

On the forest floor, you can find a host of plants including mosses, lichens, partridgeberry, wintergreen, Indian pipe, mushrooms, and princess pine. They grow around the logs and fallen oak leaves and pine needles, now decomposing and releasing nutrients back into the soil. The forest floor has a healthy crop of "New England potatoes," the boulders deposited by the last glaciers. Farmers cleared the boulders, building the stonewalls to mark their fields and contain their livestock. The boulders you see that are not part of the stone walls were either too large to move or they have surfaced since this land was farmed.

The shrub layer of this forest contains various native shrubs and smaller trees, including the witchhazel, a small tree credited with many magical powers. Flowering around Halloween may have earned it this name and the extract of its bark has long been used for medicinal purposes. The branches are also used as "divining rods."

The forest canopy is filled with the spreading branches of the oak trees and the tall pines. When an older tree falls, creating an opening in the canopy, young pines quickly grow in the patch of available sunlight.

#### BEWARE!

Poison ivy is well established on this property, growing along the trail in single stalks and well established plants growing up tree trunks (resembling a hairy rope).